

June 2025 St. Kevin Catholic School



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As we enter the final month of the school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we have shared together. This year has been one of remarkable growth—academically, spiritually, and socially—for our students. Each day, they have demonstrated resilience, curiosity, and compassion, embodying the values that define our Catholic school community.

As Pilgrims of Hope, our students have contributed in meaningful ways to the life of our school. Whether through acts of service, leadership in faith-based initiatives, or their daily interactions with one another, they have shown what it means to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Their commitment to living out the Gospel values has been both inspiring and uplifting.

In this final month, we look forward to celebrating our accomplishments and cherishing the time we have left together. Let us continue to walk in faith, support one another, and embrace the joy that comes from being part of a vibrant, caring school community.

Thank you for your continued support, partnership, and prayers throughout this school year. May God bless you and your families with peace and joy as we conclude another successful year at St. Kevin Catholic School.

Mr. G. Marchio Principal





We are a Christ-centred Catholic faith community that celebrates diversity and fosters spiritual growth, inspiring all to reach their full potential in mind, body and spirit."

Justice Compassion Stewardship Accountability Community Integrity Faithfulness

Prayer for Dad

What Makes A Dad?

God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree, The warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea, The generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night, The wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagle's flight, The joy of a morning spring, the faith of a mustard seed, The depth of a family need, then God combined these qualities, When there was nothing more to add, He knew His masterpiece was complete, And so he called him....

DAD!

September 2025 Classes

Information regarding student placement for September will not be sent home at the end of June. During the month of June, staff will be meeting to discuss and place students with classmates with whom they feel students will be most successful. A great deal of time and effort is spent determining the composition of classes. When organizing class groupings, attention and diligence is required on behalf of the classroom teachers, resource teacher and principal. A variety of factors are seriously considered when establishing classes. Creating a successful learning environment for all students is a goal we aim to achieve. Some of the criteria considered include: Ability, Individual Needs, Behaviour, Work Habits, Age; Learning Styles, and Class Size. Please note that requests for specific classroom teachers will not be considered and some requests may not be possible due to school organization restrictions.

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

Talk positively to your child about next year. If your child is with a different group of students, please discuss relationship building and new friendships.

Make this a positive experience.



Mission Day Recap

I am delighted to share the wonderful success of our recent Mission Day event! It was a joyful and spirited occasion filled with fun, fellowship, and purpose. Our students participated enthusiastically in a variety of engaging activities, all in support of a greater cause—living out the Gospel values of compassion, generosity, and service to others.

Thanks to the incredible efforts of our students, staff, and families, we raised an outstanding *\$5,909.17*! This remarkable achievement is a testament to the heart and spirit of our school community.

In alignment with our mission to serve others and make a meaningful impact, we are proud to announce the following charitable donations:

\$2,400 to the Hope Centre in Welland

\$2,000 to Development & Peace

\$1,509.17 to Niagara Nutrition

These contributions will go a long way in supporting vital programs and services in our local and global communities.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to *Mrs. Joyce, Mrs. Casasanta, and the entire Mission Day Planning Team* for their dedication and hard work in organizing such a memorable and meaningful day for our school.

Let us continue to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, serving others with love and joy \mathfrak{S}



Mission Day Continued

Special thank you to the following businesses for their help! **Parkway Social** Pizza Pizza Seaway Mall Whirlpool Jet Boats **Cheeky Monkeys** Niagara River Lions Welland Jackfish McDonalds Niagara Street Rose City Pizza Fratello's San Marco's **Post Cereal** Rexall Scott Watson Photography **SVP** Sports **Buckners** Sports Niagara Falls Art Gallery YMCA Welland Ye Olde Squire **MT Bellies** Notre Dame Outfitters **Clifton Hill Group**

AND...Of course countless St. Kevin's Families and staff members who donated gift cards, toys etc!!!

Confirmation 2025

On Thursday, May 15th the Grade 8 students of St. Kevin received the sacrament of Confirmation. It was a very special day for all of the students and their families. Thank you to Bishop Gerard Bergie & Father Jinto & Father Sunil for a beautiful ceremony and to our Grade 8 teachers Mrs. Caporicci, Mrs. Phillips & Ms. Horn for preparing our students so well for their special day.



Final Report Card 2024-2025

The provincial report card is only one among several means used by teachers for reporting student achievement to parents and students.

Communication about student achievement should be designed to provide detailed information that will encourage students to set goals for learning, help teachers to establish plans for teaching, and assist parents in supporting learning at home. (Guide to the Provincial Report Card, Grades 1-8)

The Term 2 Report Card will be available on the Parent Portal on June 25th, 2025. If you would like a hard copy of the final report card please contact the main office.

Kiss & Ride

I would like to take a moment to remind everyone about the importance of safety and patience during our morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times in the Kiss and Ride and bus lanes.

We understand that mornings can be rushed and afternoons busy, but the safety of our students, staff, and families must remain our top priority. To help ensure a smooth and secure process, please keep the following in mind:

~Do not park or exit your vehicle in the Kiss and Ride or bus lane. Our staff is present and ready to assist your child with exiting or entering the vehicle safely and efficiently.

~Keep traffic moving by promptly pulling away after drop-off or pick-up.

~Drive slowly and with caution at all times in the Kiss and Ride and bus drop-off zones.

~U-turns are strictly prohibited in these areas for everyone's safety.

~At dismissal, please do not park in the bus lane under any circumstances.

Your cooperation and patience make a significant difference in maintaining a safe and respectful environment for all. Thank you for working with us to ensure a smooth and secure drop-off and pick-up routine at St. Kevin.

SPORTSCENTRE

Intermediate Flag Football

On May 20th our intermediate girls flag football team travelled to the Welland Youngs Sportsplex to compete in the NCDSB Flag Football Tournament. The girls demonstrated outstanding skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the day, representing our school with pride and enthusiasm. A huge thank you goes to *Mrs. Caporicci* for her dedication and leadership in coaching our team and preparing them so well for the tournament. Please note that we are still awaiting confirmation of a new date for the Boys Flag Football Tournament, which was postponed due to inclement weather. We will share the updated schedule with families as soon as it becomes available.

Track & Field

On May 29th, our students from Grades 4 to 8 participated in a spirited Track and Field event held at Notre Dame College School. It was a fantastic day filled with energy, positive competition, and outstanding sportsmanship. Our students gave their best effort in every event, and we are incredibly proud of their determination and team spirit.

Congratulations to all of our participants, and a special shout-out to those students who have qualified to move on to the Family of Schools Track and Field Meet, also taking place at Notre Dame on June 3. We wish them the very best as they continue to represent our school with pride!

A sincere thank you to Mrs. Caporicci and all of our dedicated staff for their hard work in organizing the event and coaching our students. Your support and leadership made the day a great success.





THANK YOU!!!!

Special Thank You to....

To *Father Jinto and Father Sunil* for their spiritual guidance throughout this school year and to Mario and Stefanie for sharing their musical talents with the St. Kevin Catholic community and to Jessica (Secretary of St. Kevin Church) for all of her support and guidance and organization.

To the members of our Catholic School Council under the leadership of *Mrs. Timmers* for her tireless efforts on behalf of our school and students. Thank you for your great leadership, assistance and continued support.

To our students who have worked hard, shared their gifts and created many special moments for us throughout the year.

To Mrs. Kinney, Superintendent of Education, for her continued support of the St. Kevin Catholic School Community.

To all *teaching staff* for their dedication to students to whom which they serve.

To all our *families* who supported our fundraising activities and social justice events.

To Mrs. Coatsworth, our consummate professional school secretary, who facilitates the caring, efficient operation of the office.

To *Mr. Schuler*, our library technician, for maintaining an easily accessible library.

To our committed Educational Assistants ~ *Mrs. White, Mrs. Langelaan, Mrs. Lustri, Mrs. Fasan and Ms. Geremia* and our dedicated Child and Youth Care Workers, *Mrs. Perron and Mrs. Armenti-Sadonoja* who consistently assist to ensure the safety and academic success of all our students.

To our dedicated school custodial staff, *Mr. Yakubowski, and Mr. Doucet* who facilitate the safe and clean operation of our school building and property.

To Danny our crossing guard, who keeps our students safe as they get to and from St. Kevin Catholic School!

Public Health School Health Newsletter

June 2025

Make Immunizations Part of Your Summer Checklist!

As you prepare for the new school year this summer, remember to check if your child's immunizations are up-to-date. If you are unsure, talk to your health care provider or <u>contact the vaccine team</u> at Public Health. Staying up to date with routine vaccinations helps protect your child from preventable diseases.

If your child needs to get caught up on vaccines, you can:

- Make an appointment with your health care providers
- Visit a walk-in clinic (call ahead to confirm vaccine availability)
- Check availability of Public Health vaccination clinics. Call 905-688-8248, extension 7425 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.)

Don't forget to report your child's vaccines to Public Health!

Every time your child receives a vaccine, it must be reported to Public Health. Doctors, child care facilities, and schools don't do this for you.

The fastest and most convenient way to report vaccines (except COVID-19 and flu shots) or request records is through <u>Immunization</u> <u>Connect (ICON)</u>, a secure online system for tracking and reporting immunizations.

For more information on vaccines needed for school, visit: Baby, Children and Youth Vaccinations



Things that Bite!

Ticks, mosquitos, and rabid animals can be a greater risk as the weather warms up.

- Mosquitoes transmit the <u>West Nile virus</u> to humans after becoming infected by feeding on the blood of infected birds, which carry the virus. To learn how to protect your family, visit <u>Reduce the Risk of West Nile Virus</u> <u>Niagara Region</u>.
- The blacklegged (deer) tick can transmit Lyme disease and other tickborne diseases to humans after becoming infected by feeding on the blood of small animals which carry the disease. To learn how to protect you and your pets, visit Protect and Prevent Ticks Niagara Region.
- <u>Rabies</u> is transmitted through saliva from bites and scratches, entering an open cut or wound, or from saliva contacting a mucous membrane, such as those in the mouth, nasal cavity, or eyes. To <u>reduce the risk of rabies</u>, it's best to avoid contact with wild animals such as raccoons, skunks, and bats.

For more information and free tick identification, individuals can visit <u>e-tick</u>. General tick information can be found on our <u>Niagara</u> <u>Region Public Health website</u> or by co

ntacting a Duty Officer directly at 905-688-8248 ext. 7590.



Head safety – for bikes and other wheels

With warmer weather and summer break just around the corner, more kids will be outdoors taking part in activities, such as biking, skate boarding or roller blading. A <u>properly fitted and correct helmet</u> can cut the risk of a serious head injury by up to 85%. This means four out of five brain injuries could be prevented if every cyclist wore a helmet.

- Bike <u>helmets</u> should be replaced after five years **or** a crash where the cyclist has hit their head
- It's not safe to use a second-hand helmet
- Baseball hats, big hair clips and headphones should never be worn under a helmet

The human skull is just approximately one centimeter thick, so it is important to remind children to always protect their head when being active. To make sure a helmet fits right, follow the 2V1 Rule (image courtesy of <u>Parachute Canada</u>)

Bike to School Week 2025

Walking or biking to school is a great way to help kids stay active, healthy, and focused throughout the day and get them out in their communities! Regular physical activity boosts mood, improves fitness, and supports learning by helping kids concentrate better in class. It also helps create safer, less congested school zones by reducing traffic and pollution.

From **June 2–6**, families across Ontario are encouraged to participate in **Bike to School Week**! Invite your child to ride with friends or family, and join in creating a healthier, happier community. To learn more, visit the <u>Bike to School Week</u> webpage and see how your school can get involved!





Join our Speech and Language Pathologists & Early Years team

for fun, interactive activities that support meaningful conversation and oral language development.

The ABA Team will share tips for a smooth September transition



Caregivers will receive a package of activity ideas

Light dinner provided from 4:00-4:30 p.m. Event Time: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Our Lady of Victory – Tues., June 3 Alexander Kuska – Wed. June 4 Saint Vincent de Paul – Wed., June 11 St. Denis – Tues., June 17 Our Lady of Fatima (G) – Wed., June 18 REGISTER NOW BY SCANNING THE QR CODE!

